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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on March 17, 2006; November 23, 2005 and March 14, 2005, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Supplementary European Search Report completed on July 27, 2006 and mailed on August 3, 2006, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 03741287.1-2202, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,370,198 to WASHINO, which issued on April 9, 2002;
- (2) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 195 767, along with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No.

2004/0028387 to WINTER, which was published on February 12, 2004; and

- (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 256 949, along with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No.

2002/0168179 to KIKUCHI et al., which was published on November 14, 2002.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, are set forth in the Supplementary European Search Report.

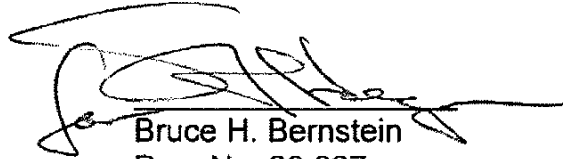
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent and patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto, and all of the above-noted documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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